



## WEATHER OR NOT



Nilbert Iumin, 24-year-old senior art major, passes by Clark Library Friday morning just as the rain lets up. Iumin works in Clark Library's serials department. Accompanying the rain was more than an hour of thunder and lightning.

Barry Gutierrez — Daily staff photographer

## San Carlos trial closure debated

### Street barricades might appear winter break

John Vieira  
Daily staff writer

SJSU's dream of closing East San Carlos Street may come true if only for a moment.

A task force has been formed to discuss a trial closure of San Carlos Street between Fourth and 10th streets, and if implemented, the trial closure would probably be put into place around the holidays and through the spring semester, said an aid to city councilman David Pandori.

The impact that the closure will have in the surrounding neighborhood areas will be measured and a report will be presented to the council for a final decision on a closure or non-closure of San Carlos Street, said Margaret Tamisiea.

Student safety and campus unification are the main reasons for the university's wishes to have San Carlos Street closed.

Both Nicole Lauder, A.S. president, and Tamisiea, said they are almost certain that the trial closure will happen.

The task force that will decide on the fate of the well-used strip is

headed by Pandori. The specifics of the analysis will be handled by three subcommittees: land use and housing, traffic and parking and urban design.

Residents, on the other hand, feel that the closure would only increase the continuing traffic and parking problems, according to a memo produced by San Jose Mayor Susan Hammer.

Some users of the street object to the proposed closing.

"I make my living from selling snacks," said one hot dog vendor.

If the street is closed, the vendors will not be able to work within the university. Vendors are separate from the university because they get their permits from the city.

Businesses between 10th and 11th streets will also be affected. Business will suffer because people will have to go around the University to get to his shop, according to Andre Sue, the owner of a sandwich shop and graduate of SJSU.

Closure or non-closure of San Carlos Street, as well as timing and conditions under which a trial closure might be approved, is the charge of the task force.

Also, transportation and traffic analysis in and around the campus will be affected, according to the minutes of the July meeting of the task force.

## A.S. leader Lauder faces new frontiers, endeavors as president

By Angela Hill  
Daily staff writer

Dealing with new frontiers in space and on campus — that's incoming Associated Students President Nicole Lauder's plan for the new semester.

As she takes a big step from A.S. director of personnel to the president's office, Lauder also hopes to help mankind step into outer space one day.

"Space is definitely the next frontier," she said. "We're gonna have to go up."

A junior in aerospace engineering, Lauder hopes to be involved in designing space labs and platforms.

Despite her lofty career goals, she is surprisingly down to earth in appearance and easy-going

manner. Her openness also defies the detachment and even mystique often associated with her new A.S. title.

"I'm a student like everybody else," she said last week.

There is one big difference, however. She gets involved more than most.

"In order for things to happen and to be able to change things, you have to do more than just



Nicole Lauder

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## Senate bill fights state money woes

### University may see relief from fee increases

By Tony Marek  
Daily staff writer

The California State University system may see \$32.7 million in relief from the present budget crisis if a California state Senate bill survives a vote on the floor of the state Assembly this week. Gov. Pete Wilson has come out against the measure, however.

SB 976 gives the California school systems a shot at a \$165 million chunk of a \$220 million out of court antitrust settlement between the state and four oil companies.

CSU's share of the money would be used for system-wide instructor rehires and a partial roll-back of recent fee increases.

Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy's bill, introduced by state Senator Gary Hart, is seen as much-needed, if temporary, help to the California school systems, heavily burdened by the state budget crunch.

"This proposal gives us the opportunity to reverse some of the harm done with recent budget cuts," McCarthy said in a press release. "It helps to reduce the enormous burden placed on students and middle income families trying to send their kids to college."

On Thursday, the bill passed a vote by the state Assembly Ways and Means Committee, the final

Assembly committee to vote on the bill before it goes to a general vote on the Assembly floor this week. Because it is an appropriations bill, the legislation needs a two-thirds vote, rather than a simple majority, to pass.

The governor will veto the bill if it makes it to his desk, according to Franz Wisner, deputy press secretary for Gov. Wilson.

The governor is taking the position that the one-time distribution of the money would do nothing to alleviate the basic structural problems with the state's budget that are causing the squeeze on California schools.

Contacted by the Spartan Daily on Friday, Wisner said that the governor maintains the money should not be used for a one-time distribution to California's schools.

"The governor would rather see that one-time money go to the prudent reserve than to make up a present shortfall," Wisner said.

Legislators and lobbyists pushing the bill are holding off on projections on SB 976's chances of getting through the Legislature. No one contacted, including Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy's office, Sen. Gary Hart's office or the California State Student Association, were willing to comment on the bill's chances of passing.

According to Jeff Chang, legislative director of the CSSA, a CSU lobbying organization based in Sacramento, time is running out for Californians to voice their support. The CSSA is urging California stu-

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## Estonian student reflects on recent coup in USSR

By Emma Burgess  
Daily staff writer

SJSU student Martin Kuuskmann came to America to study music. And that's what he's doing. Like many foreign students studying in America, Kuuskmann left a lot of friends and family in a far away world behind him. He is from Estonia.

Estonia is one of the small Baltic states along the northwest coast of the Soviet Union, and it declared its independence during the Soviet coup last month. Estonia has just gained the United States' recognition of its independence. Such independence was long-awaited by the Estonian citizens, and didn't come until after Soviet forces had blockaded the harbor in the Estonian capital of Tallinn and television and radio stations in Riga and Vilnius had been shut down during the resistance of the coup.

"I was really lucky that I was here when the coup started," Kuuskmann said, but when it was all over he wished a little that he could have been there to witness the joys of Estonia's newly recognized independence.

Kuuskmann telephoned his parents on the Friday before the Soviet forces arrived in their hometown of Tallinn. He said he wasn't too worried about them because he was watching the news on CNN, and by the time that Tallinn was on the news the coup was already breaking up.

"There hasn't been any bloodshed at all," he said, but "they said it was scary." People were in the streets of Tallinn, waiting for something to happen and protecting the main buildings. Kuuskmann's parents said there was much rejoicing when the people realized the coup was over.

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## 'Golden Handshake' program limits staff changes, constricts additions to faculty

### Early retirement plan pays faculty not to work final years

By Faye Wells  
Daily staff writer

In a time of budget-related layoffs, SJSU is suffering the loss of even more staff as many retire early under the "Golden Handshake" plan.

The plan provides overall savings to the university, but the result is trickle-down costs to students and remaining staff.

Partly because two professors retired early from the educational technology program this year, the department has fewer assistants to man its six laboratories.

Program director Robert E. Stephens said he worries that his four laboratories will not be open enough to accommodate this semester's students, who must master the labs for either a degree or an elementary and high school certificate.

"Our labs were open 60 hours a week last year," Stephens said. "We had one full-time and three part-time graduate assistants. This year we have a half-time technician and two students for 10 hours a week each."

He said the laboratories will be open only 30 hours a week this year. "Faculty will volunteer to work in the labs temporarily."

Chemistry laboratories will also be short-staffed because one of its four technicians retired early this year, according to Dick Mercurio, instrument technician.

"We're getting new and more sophisticated equipment," he said. "The teachers need a lot of help using it. It's going to be a burden to faculty and students not to have someone to maintain the equipment. Chemistry labs require almost a chemical engineer. I'm told it takes a few months to pay the (retirement) fees, and I need that person now," he said.

Like Stephens, he hopes to hire a technician in January.

Also affected is the Instructional Resource Center, where tapes, slides and films are available to students and professors.

"You need to point the finger at the budgeting process of the state of California," said Donald G. Perrin, IRC associate director. "There is a history of the state's giving insufficient support."

Perrin said demographic change has altered the composition of university teachers. Twenty or

30 years ago, he said, a teacher moved up by going to a higher paid job or more prestigious university. Now, he said, upward mobility is from within the institution. The result is older and more highly paid professors.

To qualify for the program, you must work for the California State University system and must have five full years of credit in the Public Employment Retirement System, said Jean Taketa, benefits coordinator for the university. A full-time employee 50 or older would qualify after five years' work.

Part-time personnel qualify after 10 years' service. Applications came from 82 personnel at SJSU this year, 47 from staff and 35 from faculty.

In the first year of retirement SJSU pays about one half the salary of the early retiree, leaving the department with an entry-level position, said Maynard Robinson, director of educational planning and resources. The state saves by paying less money to a less experienced teacher.

"It's a small burden off the tax base, but an inconvenience for non-faculty," Robinson said.

"It's a consequence of the state's having a tough time," Robinson said. "We have never had to do it under such financial duress."

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### Editor's Note:

Tuesday is the deadline to drop classes or withdraw and be eligible for a refund of basic registration fees.



## EDITORIAL

## A 'yes' on 976 gives the nod to state schools

The state Assembly Ways and Means Committee approved a proposal on Sept. 5 that would give the University of California and the California State University systems, community colleges and K-12 schools \$165 million which the state received in a settlement of a lawsuit against four oil companies.

Senate Bill 976 would eliminate at least part of the 40 percent fee increase at UC system schools. The bill, which still needs to be voted on by the state assembly, would use the money to add more instructors and classes at CSU schools as well as partially rollback the fee increase that hit students in the CSU system.

Gov. Pete Wilson, however, doesn't agree with this idea, and wants to put the money into the state's prudent reserve, instead of the schools. He is threatening to veto the bill if it makes it to his desk.

We think Wilson has made a bad decision.

The CSU and UC school systems took a big bite in funding earlier this year during the state's current budget crisis. They need a budget break to keep up with increasing enrollments.

SJSU alone lost more than 300 instructors and 600 sections of classes were dropped because of a lack of funding from the state.

And other schools are suffering more than ours, lacking basic necessities such as heating and air conditioning.

Now that money is available for education, we might be able to correct those mistakes.

But not if Wilson has his way. Wilson has already hit students with fee increases, and has hurt them. We are guessing that he has given up hope for students' votes already, and is just trying to get the votes he needs for re-election somewhere else. If Wilson wins a second term, we will again be faced with the prospect of cutting classes and laying off instructors when the state budget comes up for renewal next year.

Wilson might have the final say in the bill if it gets past the Assembly vote next week and a Senate vote later in the year. If he kills the bill there won't be enough time to over-ride his veto.

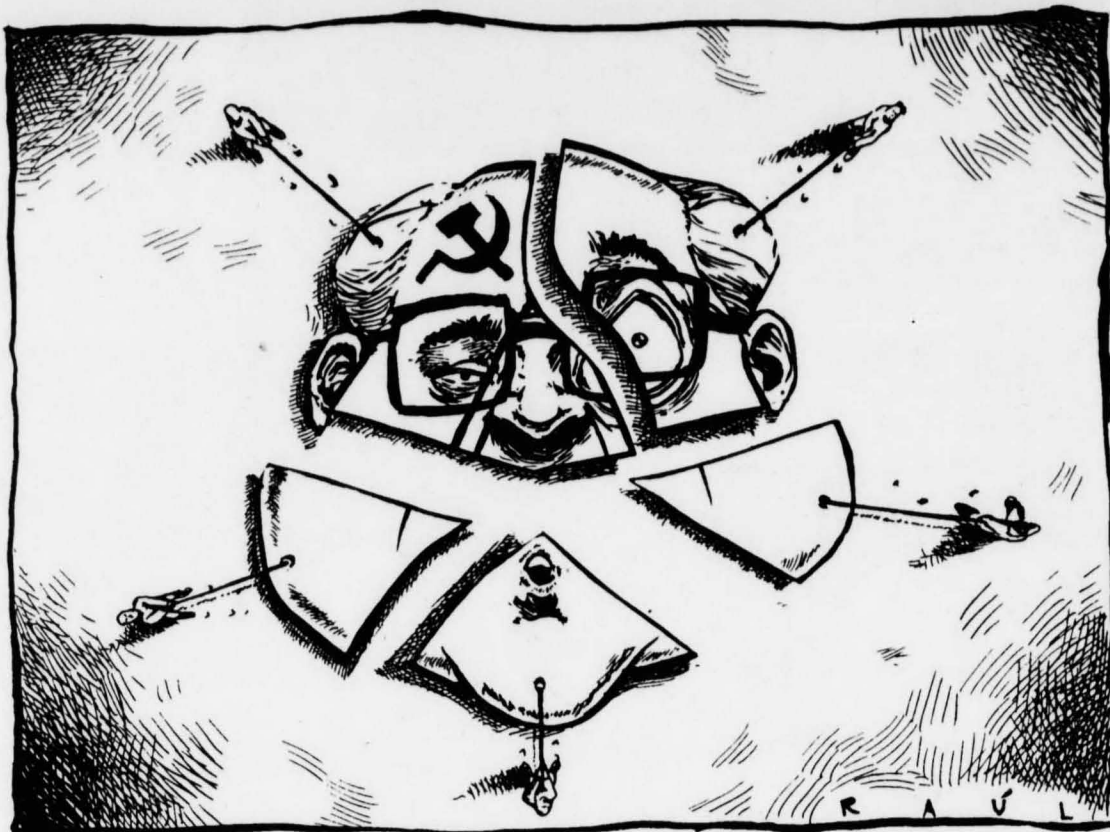
For that reason, we suggest that each and every student at SJSU take the time to write or call your state's representatives to give them your viewpoint.

Our elected officials already have the mindset that we don't count because only a small minority of us vote in elections. But they need to know that we do care, and that we will force them out of their positions if they really show they don't care for education.

If the bill does pass, we want the CSU to use most of its share of the money for hiring additional instructors, thereby increasing the number of classes available to students.

A decent education depends on the quality of our teachers and classes. We urge you to contact your state representatives, whether it be by mail or a phone call, as soon as possible.

It's time for Gov. Wilson to place education back at the top of his list of the state's priorities.



Raúl Domínguez — Spartan Daily

## WRITER'S FORUM

Jason Rothman



## Lack of bins around campus makes recycling cans, bottles a waste of time

SJSU is fooling its students into thinking that it cares about recycling.

If one walks around the campus, one will find a small number of newspaper recycling bins, and a tiny concentration of bins to put bottles and cans.

The biggest problem with the location of the bins is this — if a student drinks a soda near Dudley Moorehead Hall, the chances of that student walking all the way to the Student Union to throw the can in the proper bin is slim. Most students will throw it in the garbage can and forget about it.

It is true that homeless people and the very poor will go around the campus collecting bottles and cans for extra money, but they can't possibly get all of them. This means bottles and cans are still ending up in landfills, where they don't biodegrade for 500 to 1000 years.

Throwing away paper is another problem. There are some newspaper bins on campus, and certainly more than the number of bottle and can bins, but there still aren't enough. Students will still throw away newspapers in garbage cans because it is more convenient than looking around for a newspaper bin.

Also, students living in the residence halls have a tougher time recycling than the commuter student because, once

again, there are no bins to be found.

The residence halls' reluctance towards

facility, will be in violation of the licensing agreement."

It goes on to state, "This includes paper, bottles, and cans. The materials must be placed in University Housing Services' designated areas."

The UHS has yet to provide recycling bins in the residence halls. They are currently being ordered and are on the way but, until then, students have to save up recycling materials in their rooms and walk to the Student Union in order to put them in the proper bins. That is, if they want to put forth that much effort.

SJSU once had a recycling center near south campus, on Seventh Street near the Spartan Stadium. Now it is a parking lot. What is more important here: saving our landfills so we don't have to live in our garbage in a few years, or providing some more parking for football games?

I think we know the university's decision.

The larger the college, the slower new programs are implemented. Let's hope SJSU takes a look at this problem and does something about it. If bins are put throughout the campus, the university will find that their solid waste quantity will drop. Plus, they will be helping to keep our environment cleaner.

Jason Rothman is a Daily staff writer.

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recycling creates a problem because, in the housing agreement that every student gets, a section on recycling reads: "The placement of any materials which are being collected for 'recycling' purposes, within common areas of the residence

## SLACK

Rob Neill



## This is what you want ...

The girl's voice rose in what passes for indignation in valley-speak. "This just isn't fair," she whined.

The target of the remark, an instructor who teaches a class every student must pass to eventually get a diploma, furrowed his brow and dug in for an argument he was probably getting tired of having with punk kids.

There would be no adds, he repeated. The shoebox the class was being held in could barely accommodate the registered students.

As the room emptied at the end of the lecture the girl screwed on her best "I'm going to bug you until I get in this class" pout and began a rambling discourse on the right to a college education, Gov. Pete Wilson and a lot of other economic factors she didn't seem to know too much about.

This happens at the start of every semester, but everything eventually seems to work out. Students get shoeboxed in, instructors find the extra time to grade the papers, and life (or what passes in academia for life) goes on.

This fall it's different. The instructors have to say "no" more often, and more students are having to settle for another section that screws up their schedule.

It's probably going to get worse, because this country and this state made decisions that are just beginning to catch up with us.

California decided in the late 70s it was fed up with high taxes and passed Proposition 13. The crunch started.

About a decade or so ago, the state passed its greatest legacy — Ronald Reagan — onto the rest of the country and the whole nation tried to the best of their abilities to help acclimate themselves to the new policies of "I'll get mine." As a country we proved pretty

good at it.

There were decisions made. We decided we could tear down agencies that kept business reigned in and build up a huge military. We decided we could pay for it on credit and give ourselves a nice tax break. We built ourselves a house of cards — although it was a very nice art-deco-steel-and-glass house.

By the end of the decade the house was collapsing. City governments were broke, state governments were broke and the services they provide — including publicly financed higher education institutions such as the one we have here — started cutting back or disappearing.

Everyone started pointing fingers at each other. Teachers blamed government, small business blamed government, even government employees eventually blamed government. The only people who didn't blame or point fingers were the poor and homeless, who were probably too busy counting their growing numbers.

But no one saw fit to blame themselves. As a country we seem to have forgotten that we decided that it was better to have the extra creature comforts. Meanwhile our police became too overworked to adequately defend us, families became homeless, AIDS whipped through society, and budgets for all of our critical public services tightened.

Public education, long a priority in this country, went to capitols and asked for a seat in the shrinking public-money class. It left with it's add/drop form unsigned.

The pouty valley girl may have been right — it's not fair. But it is what we, as a society, wanted. And the things that are about to happen are what we deserve.

Rob Neill's column appears each Monday. He can be reached at (408) 924-3280.

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## TODAY

### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

**ANDSERVICES:** Welcome Faire '91: Four tents set up, 9 a.m., Art Quad, call 924-5950.

### UNIVERSITY CLUB FORUM:

"Should Judge Clarence Thomas become a member of the U.S. Supreme Court?", 12:30 p.m., Woodward Room @ University Club (Eighth and San Salvador Streets), call 924-5559.

### CONCERT CHOIR:

Activities: Sing! Join Concert Choir, open to all majors, earn one unit mornings Monday through Thursday until September 13, 10:30 a.m., Music

262, come by or call 924-4332.

**ASLS:** A.S. Leisure Services Intramural Sports: Football sign-ups for men's, women's and co-ed leagues, now through Sept. 20, pick up rosters in Student Activities office (old cafeteria building), call 924-5956; Intramural Volleyball sign-ups for men's, women's and co-ed leagues, now through Sept. 13, pick up rosters in Student Activities office, call 924-5962.

**LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION:** Welcome Faire '91 information table, 9 a.m., Art Quad, call 924-5566.

**SJSU CYCLING TEAM:** Meeting, 5:30 p.m., S.U. Costanoan Room, call 298-6928.

**CAREER PLANNING AND PLACEMENT:** On-campus interview orientation, 12:30 p.m., S.U. Almaden Room; Career Resource Center tour, 1 p.m., BC 13; "Marketing yourself for Engineering Jobs," E 331, call 924-6033.

**BETA ALPHA PSI:** Orientation meeting, 3 p.m., S.U. Almaden Room, call 274-1261.

**LAMBDA SIGMA GAMMA:** Sorority meeting, important fundraiser information, 6 p.m., Chicano Resource Center, third floor WLN; information tables for rush @ Welcome Faire, 10 a.m., call 973-9258.

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**STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES:** Welcome Faire '91: Four tents set up, 9 a.m., Art Quad, call 924-5950.

**SJSU MARKETING CLUB:** First meeting — all majors welcome ... give yourself an edge in the job hunt, 3 p.m., A.S. Council Chambers, call 243-3497 or 266-1429.

**PRSSA:** Member orientation and picnic for Public Relations Student Society of America, 5 p.m., BBQ area behind SPX, call 248-5683.

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**DELTA SIGMA PI:** Meet the chapter, 7:30 p.m., S.U. Guadalupe Room, come by BC 208.

**HISPANIC BUSINESS ASSOCIATION:** General meeting, 6 p.m., S.U. Almaden Room, call 924-2707.

## LAUNDER

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talk about it," Launder said.

And she does do more. Aside from her rigorous engineering classes, Launder will spend about 50 hours a week in the A.S.

Her co-workers in the A.S. appreciate her hard work.

"Nicole is a very motivated person," said Jon Fleischman, director of student's rights and responsibilities. "She's excited over the new year and her excitement spreads to everyone else here."

Although her hours are long, Launder sees her new position as a priority in her life.

"Being involved in campus life is an important part of my personal growth," she said.

Having worked in student government since high school at Westmont High School in Campbell, Launder's step into SJSU government was a natural progression.

"When I went to the first student orientation here at San Jose State in the fall of '88, I realized I could make a conscious decision to be an observer or get involved," she said.

"Any place is what you make of it — college or jobs," she said.

And Launder hopes to make some changes at SJSU.

Since moving off campus with her mother last year to save money, Launder recognizes the "commuter school" concept of SJSU and wants to change that image.

"I want to develop a stronger support system for the 240 clubs and organizations on campus with better leadership for programs and events," Launder is working on a concise

booklet form of information on the services provided by the A.S.

"People want to know where their fees are going. Not many students seem to know what we do here, like providing programs for health insurance and free legal services," she said.

Despite her deep involvement in student government, Launder still tries to find time to be involved in life outside of campus.

"I love to body board in Santa Cruz and I water ski every chance I get," she said. "I love to be outdoors."

Perhaps her next "outdoors" experience will be in outer space, but for now Launder's "new frontiers" in the A.S. seem to be keeping her busy here on earth.

By Angela Hill  
Daily staff writer

Unsettled but optimistic is the general feel in the Associated Students government office.

The incoming directors face challenges of five vacant offices, an interim university president and the ever-present budget crunch and they feel the challenges mounting.

"This is going to be a year of transition," Nicole Launder, A.S. president, said Tuesday. "We're just going to be keeping things afloat."

Miguel Avila, director of intercultural affairs, also voiced some concerns.

"It's going to be a tough year," he said. "More student groups will be coming to the A.S. for financial

help."

Avila's main thrust for the new year is to improve what he calls "Spartan pride." He and Launder both look forward to increasing student interest and involvement.

"I'm tired of the phrase 'campus apathy,'" Avila said. "It's not apathy. Students have to work and don't have time for campus activities."

He gave no specific plan to increase interest, however.

Lisa Desai, director of business affairs for the A.S., also expects

more requests for financial help from groups and organizations.

"I'm sure we can help all those who ask, but they may not get the amount they request," she said.

Desai's goal for the semester is to streamline financial processes and paperwork to make the whole office run more smoothly.

An immediate challenge seen by Jon Fleischman, director of student's rights and responsibilities, is filling the five vacancies in the A.S.

"It takes a lot of time and com-

mitment to serve on the board, and we need a full staff to get things done," he said.

Fleischman looks forward to his first semester in the A.S.

"I feel like I've opened a new law practice and I'm waiting for clients," he said of his position on the grievance committee.

Although the vacancies and the budget crunch leave uncertainty in the A.S., most members see positive challenges ahead rather than problems.

## A.S. members set goals to eradicate student apathy

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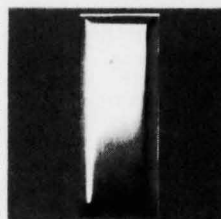


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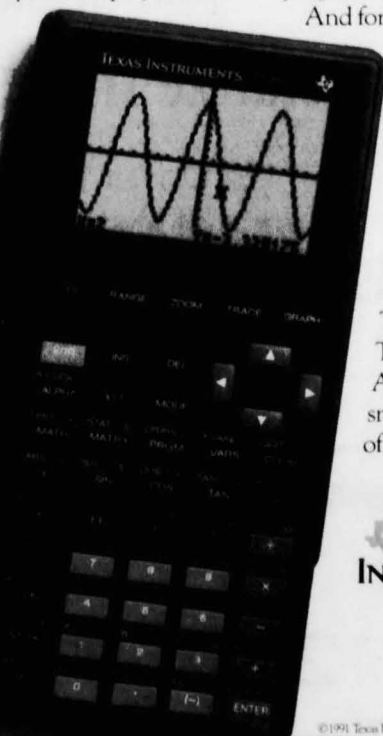
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A's fans are fair  
weather, Giants  
fans are diehard

**N**OW THAT the 1991 baseball season is coming to a close, I need to clarify something. There is a huge difference between Giants and A's fans.

I am a Giants fan, and I like the A's. It is A's fans I don't like. So, let's start with the obvious. The term to describe Giants' fans is "diehard," and the term to describe most A's fans is "fair weather."

There are some diehard A's fans who remember the late 1970's when it was tough to draw 6,000 people to a game. But, in general, A's fans think the game is fun and love the team when they're winning. As soon as the team is not in first place (like this year), attendance drops.

Being a Giants fan, I can say the reason the team has more "diehard" fans is Candlestick Park. As stadiums go, it is the third worst in the major leagues — losing only to the Houston Astrodome, and the Oakland Coliseum.

Anyone who has ever been to a night game at "The Stick," will agree with me, it's cold and windy. It is almost like San Francisco officials found the one area in the city where there is a constant bone-chilling wind, and said, "let's build a stadium here, and we will sell out every game."

**T**he Coliseum is in a prime location for weather, but the stadium itself is generic. The field is immaculate, but anyone who has been to the stadium knows it's a perfect circle. If you divide the place in half, both sides look the same. It is the only ballpark in the major leagues that has no personality.

A ballpark needs personality. Wrigley field has bricks and ivy, Fenway Park has the green monster, Yankee Stadium has it's fans, and Candlestick has the wind and it's weird layout. Some say it looks like a space ship from the outside. That in itself makes it a better ballpark.

Giants fans are there to watch the game. They yell and scream before Will Clark and Kevin Mitchell step up to the plate, start rally-claps when the Giants have men on base, and jump up and cheer when a player gets a base hit in a clutch situation.

A's fans sit and watch the game like they are riding the bus. At times the ballplayers are making more noise than the crowd, and there are at least 30,000 people in the stands. They sit and wait for something to happen, and only when it does they cheer.

**T**he one time the Coliseum erupts in noise is in the middle of the fourth inning. That's when the infamous, and idiotic, dot races happen. For those of you who have never been privileged enough to witness them, three dots (red, white and blue) travel four times around a track on the large television screen in center field.

The crowd stands up and goes crazy, yelling for their prospective color.

I am convinced that the crowd reaches a higher decibel level during the dot races than if Jose Canseco hit a game-winning grand slam in the bottom of the ninth inning. The food is another difference in the personalities of the fans. Candlestick

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## Gators pour it on mistake-prone SJSU

Pete Borello  
Daily staff writer

SJSU did not make one mistake against Florida on Saturday. They made several.

The Spartans committed four turnovers and had 13 penalties, helping the Gators to a 59-21 victory.

"We killed ourselves with mistakes," said Spartan starting quarterback Matt Veatch, who threw for two touchdowns and one interception.

Three plays into the game, SJSU tailback Maceo Barbosa fumbled into the waiting hands of Florida's Brad Culpepper and the Gators were on their way.

Taking over at the Spartans' 22 yard line, Florida quarterback Shane Matthews tossed a first-down strike to wide out Harrison Houston for the touchdown. Houston would become very familiar with SJSU's end zone as the day wore on, as he finished with three scores, tying a Florida record. "It's like a dream," Houston said of his accomplish-



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ments.

What was a dream for Houston was a nightmare for the Spartan's defensive backs, who gave up 339 passing yards on the afternoon. Matthews threw for 272 of these yards, completing 17 of 22 passes. The Heisman Trophy candidate also connected for five touchdowns, tying a school record.

Despite the final score, the Spartans made a game of it in the first quarter.

After the defense gave up another Matthews to Houston touchdown, the SJSU offense came alive.

Starting at their own 28, Veatch engineered a four-play, 72-yard drive.

Veatch found a streaking Bryce Burnett, an all-Big West tight end in 1990, for the touchdown. This cut the Florida lead to 14-7.

Florida could muster only a field goal in the next nine minutes,

thanks largely in part to an interception by Spartan cornerback Freddie Smith deep in SJSU territory.

Taking over at the Gators' two yard line, Veatch marched the Spartans downfield in their most impressive drive of the game. A 14 yard run by J.C. transfer Shon Ellerbe set up SJSU's passing game.

A 52-yard completion to David Blakes set up a one-yard TD run by Leon Hawthorne. The touchdown made the score 17-14.

But Florida scored six unanswered touchdowns to go up 59-14

before SJSU found the end zone again.

With 3:19 left in the third quarter, Veatch tossed another touchdown pass to Burnett.

Veatch finished 23-for-41 for 388

yards. SJSU outgained Florida in total offense in the game 471 to 466.

The Spartans travel to Minnesota to take on the Golden Gophers next Saturday.

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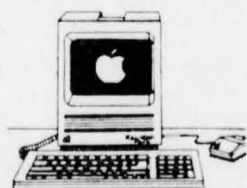
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Martin Kuuskmann keeps track of his country's struggles

## ESTONIAN

From Front Page

When asked whether he was ever worried that Estonia's independence might not be recognized, Kuuskmann said, "No. We were too far already. After two or three years of fighting (protesting, not actual fighting), failing or giving up was nonsense."

Even though he plans to transfer to San Francisco Conservatory of Music, graduate as a music major and travel as a soloist bassoon player, Kuuskmann will always remain loyal to Estonia and will keep his new Estonian citizenship. He said he would put his old Soviet passport in a frame and hang it on the wall for his grandchildren to see.

Kuuskmann doesn't feel hostility towards Russians, only a little dislike for some of the Russians who lived in Estonia. He said that they'd come to Estonia and try to change the Estonian ways by protesting. For instance, and Kuuskmann makes it clear that this is only a minor instance, Russians living in Estonia would argue that the Russian language should be the state language instead of Estonian. "They want their rights in front of ours." He also says that the Russians in Estonia were different to Russians in the Soviet Union because they would come to Estonia without college degrees and be only able to get work in factories, and protested against Estonia's independence.

Independence will be good for Estonia. "We can decide on our problems on our own," says Kuuskmann.

"They're (the Soviet Union) still going to be our best partners, in the beginning." The Soviet Union is

known as the "Big Bear." There will still be lines for food, and prices will be high because of the free market. "The ones who have money will live easily. The ones who don't will collapse."

Estonians are not that unlike Americans; Kuuskmann's younger brother, Ivar, enjoys skateboarding, and the youth of Estonia play all the typical ball games that the youth of America play. Estonians also receive television stations from all over Europe and Kuuskmann says "We are more educated about this world than Russians and other republics, (in the Soviet Union)."

Kuuskmann's mother used to teach piano and that is how he became so musically inclined. He teaches the clarinet and plays the piano, as well as his favorite instrument the bassoon. He has traveled a lot with the orchestra while he attended Music Special High School, in Tallinn. He has been to the United States three times. In 1989 he came with the orchestra. In 1990 he attended Live Oak High School in Morgan Hill as an exchange student.

## SENATE: Bill's passage could mean lower fees

From Front Page

dents to contact their representatives, and Gov. Wilson's office, to voice their support for the bill.

If the bill is defeated on the Assembly floor, any similar legislation for allocation of the settlement money will have little chance of surviving in Sacramento this year.

The legislation has several more hurdles to jump if it does get the needed Assembly votes this week.

If SB 976 passes in the Assembly, it will continue to the Senate. There it must get through

the Senate Education Committee, then it has to pass a vote in the Senate Appropriations Committee before it goes to the Senate floor. If the bill survives the Senate vote, it goes to the governor's desk.

The deadline for the bill's arrival in Gov. Wilson's office is Sept. 18, the end of the current legislative session, according to Wisner.

The current version of the bill allows for a division of \$165 million of the fund between California's kindergarten through 12th grade schools, the CSU system, UC school system and California's community

college districts.

Of the \$32.7 million, \$22.7 million designated for CSU would be used to rehire teachers laid off due to this year's budget cuts. The remaining \$10 million would be used to rollback the student fees increase in the second semester of the 1991-92 school year.

Chang, of the CSSA, said that the overwhelming majority of the CSU students he has spoken with,

expressed a strong preference for using the funds to rehire teachers, which would get more classes on the slashed schedule. Students are more concerned alleviating the current class shortage rather than seeing all the money go towards a fee rollback, according to Chang.

The entire \$31.5 million set to go the UC system would be used to roll back student fees in the second half of the school year.

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